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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD - PUERTO RICO MEETING

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1. INFORMATION ON PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION AND USG OBSERVERS HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO GOTT AS PER REFTEL. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BEING ARRANGED BY GOTT.

2. HAPPY TO WELCOME MICHAEL YOHN AS OBSERVER/PARTICIPANT. BELIEVE DEPT SUGGESTION THAT EMBOFF ALSO BE PRESENT IS USEFUL ONE AND I HAVE ASKED ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER JAMES TODD TO PROVIDE LOCAL CONTINUITY IN VIEW OF PROBABLE EMPHASIS ON TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND CARICOM MATTERS.

3. ASSUME DEPT HAS NOTED TO GCPR OFFICIALS IMPORTANCE THAT THEY UTILIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POSITIVE SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE OF 24 AGAINST HOSTILE CUBAN INITIATIVES. WHILE TWO MATTERS SHOULD NOT BE UNEQUIVOCALLY LINKED, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR PUERTO RICAN OFFICIALS TO LEAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION HERE THAT DILIGENCE WHICH THEY WILL GIVE TO EXPANDING DESIRED ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WILL INEVITABLY BE AFFECTED BY FORTHRIGHTNESS OF TRINIDAD SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CLEARLY EXPRESSED WILL OF PUERTO RICAN

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4. NOW THAT PUERTO RICAN - TRINIDAD MEETING IS DEFINITE
AND MOVING TO WHAT MAY BECOME RATHER COMPLEX ECONOMIC AND
TECHNICAL TOPICS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS TIME MAY BE CLOSE FOR
REMOVING FUTURE TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT FROM EXDIS CHANNEL.
WE WOULD PROPOSE TO REVERT TO EXDIS AS APPROPRIATE FOR
ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ASPECTS.
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